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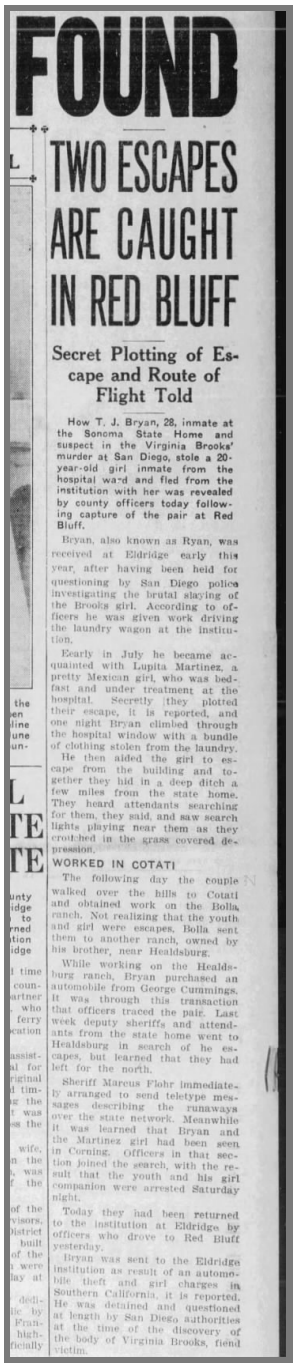

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TWO ESCAPES ARE CAUGHT IN RED BLUFF

Secret Plotting of Escape and Route of Flight Told

How T. J. Bryan, 28, inmate at the Sonoma State Home and suspect in the Virginia Brooks' murder at San Diego, stole a 20-year-old girl inmate from the hospital ward and fled from the institution with her was revealed by county officers today following capture of the pair at Red Bluff.

Bryan, also known as Ryan, was received at Eldridge early this year, after having been held for questioning by San Diego police investigating the brutal slaying of the Brooks girl. According to officers he was given work driving the laundry wagon at the institution.

Early in July he became acquainted with Lupita Martinez, a pretty Mexican girl, who was bed-fast and under treatment at the hospital. Secretly they plotted their escape, it is reported, and one night Bryan climbed through the hospital window with a bundle of clothing stolen from the laundry.

He then aided the girl to escape from the building and together they hid in a deep ditch a few miles from the state home. They heard attendants searching for them, they said, and saw search lights playing near them as they crouched in the grass covered depression.

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The following day the couple walked over the hills to Cotati and obtained work on the Bolla ranch. Not realizing that the youth and girl were escapes, Bolla sent them to another ranch, owned by his brother, near Healdsburg.

While working on the Healdsburg ranch, Bryan purchased an automobile from George Cummings. It was through this transaction that officers traced the pair. Last week deputy sheriffs and attendants from the state home went to Healdsburg in search of he escapes, but learned that they had left for the north.

Sheriff Marcus Flohr immediately arranged to send teletype messages describing the runaways over the state network. Meanwhile it was learned that Bryan and the Martinez girl had been seen in Corning. Officers in that section joined the search, with the result that the youth and his girl companion were arrested Saturday night.

Today they had been returned to the institution at Eldridge by officers who drove to Red Bluff yesterday.

Bryan was sent to the Eldridge institution as result of an automobile theft and girl charges in Southern California, it is reported. He was detained and questioned at length by San Diego authorities at the time of the discovery of the body of Virginia Brooks, fiend victim.

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